

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-81

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST,
FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO
REJECT ANY AND ALL EXPANSIONS OF GAMBLING
IN FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature is currently considering various measures that would provide for the substantial expansion of gambling; and

WHEREAS, the legislation being considered would allow for casino operations that rival in size and scope the gambling operations that exist in Las Vegas and Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the assurances of gambling promoters, historically, large scale casino operations cannibalize non-gambling businesses causing, for instance, the shuttering of forty percent of all restaurants and one-third of all retail businesses in Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, the community will have to bear the severe and painful economic and social costs that always accompany expansive gambling, including the misery of individuals and families touched by problem gambling as they are at higher risk of divorce, bankruptcy, child abuse, domestic violence, crime, and suicide; and

WHEREAS, expanded gambling will assuredly bring corruption of the governmental process as immensely wealthy gambling companies from all over the world seek to receive benefits from the local and state governments that regulate their existence and profits; and

WHEREAS, full scale casino and gambling expansions will become commonplace throughout this community and our state, if the gambling interests are allowed to obtain major casino expansion; and

WHEREAS inward facing mega-developments will privatize public streets, destroy the pedestrian experience of Downtown Miami, exacerbate traffic and denigrate the quality of life in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF PINECREST, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:


Section 1. That the Village Council urges the Florida Legislature to reject any and all expansions of gambling, including legislation to legalize so-called “destination casinos” in Florida.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2011.


Cindy Lerner, Mayor

Attest:


Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:


Cynthia A. Everett
Village Attorney



Motion by: Councilmember Corradino
Second by: Councilmember Ross

Vote: Councilmembers Corradino, Cutler, Ross, Vice Mayor Harter, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes